

**October 17, 2013
DC Developmental Disabilities Council**

**CITYWIDE CONFERENCE CENTER
CONFERENCE ROOM #1117**

OCTOBER IS DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

1. Halloween pumpkins

Welcome All to the DDC Fall Meeting!

Mission: The Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC) of the District of Columbia seeks to strengthen the voice of people with developmental disabilities and their families in DC in support of greater independence, inclusion, empowerment and the pursuit of life as they choose. We strive to create change that eliminates discrimination and removes barriers to full inclusion through our advocacy.

I. Welcome & Introductions

II. Review and Approval of July 18th Minutes

III. Chair Report – Tina Campanella

- a. Significance of Disability Employment Awareness Month
- b. Quality Trust Fights for Justice! After more than a year, Jenny's home!
- c. Other Thoughts

IV. Executive Director Report – Mat McCollough

- a. 2013 Disability Mentoring Days Program
- b. DDC Involvement
 - i. July 30th: Society of Public Health Educators (SOPHE) Webinar on the Affordable Care Act
 - ii. September 26th Webinar with NACDD: How to Develop an Effective Financial Literacy Program for Persons with Developmental Disabilities
 - iii. October 1st: Met with 30 high school students with disabilities from Stafford, VA on pre-employment skills
- c. Summer/Fall edition of *The Herald*
- d. Draft Article for Medical Textbook – *Equitable Health Care for Persons with Disabilities*
- e. Impact of the Federal Government Shutdown on the District Government and the DDC

V. DDC Financial Summary Report – Sudie Johnson

- VI. DC Supporting Families Community of Practice Program Update – Cathy Anderson & Erin Leveton**
- VII. DDC Funded Programs Update**
- a. Becoming Economically Strong Together (BEST) Program – National Disability Institute
 - b. Social Role Valorization Program – Guy Caruso & Jo Massarelli
 - c. Get Involved DC! Program – Inclusion Research Institute
 - d. DC Advocacy Partners Program – Institute for Educational Leadership
- VIII. Upcoming Events**
- a. October 26th: 5th Annual *Moving Forward Together* Secondary Transition Community Forum
 - b. October 26th: Town Hall for Special Education Stakeholders, in conjunction with the Secondary Transition Community Forum
 - c. November 15-17: Brainy Camps – Transitioning Youth Forward (DDC Member Tiffany Smallwood)
- IX. Important Resources**
- a. Related to Disability Employment Awareness Month
 - i. What do employers expect of their employees with and without disabilities?
 - ii. Building Employment Skills for the Future – Volunteer Evaluation Sheet
 - b. NACDD Information about the Affordable Care Act (ACA)
 - c. NACDD Field Notes – Focus area: Emergency Preparedness
 - d. *A Path to Preparedness* Handbook; Publication from DC Department of Health & Office of Disability Rights
- X. Good News and Announcements from Community Members**
- XI. Closure**
- Please Note: Executive Session for DDC Members will immediately follow Full Council Meeting**

Tentative: Next DDC Meeting
January 16, 2014
3-5:00 pm

Location: To be determined

Thanks so much for coming!! The DDC appreciates your support and commitment to District residents with developmental disabilities and their families!!